





## CREDULOUS WOMEN KEENE BROKEN CAUGHT BY SWINDLE IN SPIRIT, BUT NOT IN CASH

Ingenious Scheme on Gigantic Scale  
Nets Perpetrators Thousands  
of Dollars

NEW YORK, July 25.—Hundreds of credulous women in this city and throughout the country have been taken in by the ingenious swindle launched on a gigantic scale and just run to cover in Detroit.

Each victim was lured to the extent of from \$15 to \$25, the sum aggregating many thousands of dollars. The fraud was perpetrated under the name of a league of women, the alleged objects of which are women suffrage, national temperance, etc.

Owing to the similarity of the name with that of a well-known organization, the work of securing victims was easy. The advertisements were published here early in June for "letters of introduction" to which a salary of \$500 yearly was offered. Those who answered were the recipients of glowing letters and finally received checks for \$25 to pay the expense of a trip to Detroit.

The intending secretary was warned that reduced rates of fare could be secured by sending \$15 to an alleged passenger agent in Cleveland within three days.

The checks were hurriedly cashed in almost every instance and the money was used for the purpose of securing a room in the city of Detroit. The swindlers in Cleveland.

## STUDENT WAS DESPONDENT

Charles Hertel Killed Himself Because  
Ill Health Prevented Him From  
Attending College.

Charles Hertel, 19 years old, a son of Dr. Henry Hertel of Freeburg, Ill., and nephew of Prof. Charles Hertel of Belleville, shot himself through the heart in the garden back of his father's home Friday afternoon, a few minutes after telling his mother that he was discouraged because ill health prevented him from returning to Central Wesleyan College at Warrensburg, Mo., where he had been a student.

After sitting in the garden beside her son's body to encourage him until a few minutes before the shot was fired, she left him and had just entered the house when she heard the shot. She ran back into the garden and found the boy lying on the grass dead.

The coroner began the inquest Friday night, but reserved the verdict until Saturday. The verdict was suicide.

## Family Silver

There are to-day not a few collections of family silver heirlooms, dating back to some three generations ago, yet every piece, the oldest as well as the latest, bears the name of

## GORHAM

In like manner, when the present century is closing in, the Gorham trade-mark on pieces bought to-day will be pointed to as an evidence of the value of these family possessions.



## A WASTE OF MONEY

IN FRUITLESS EFFORTS TO CURE  
STOMACH TROUBLE.

Not Artificial Digestion But Natural Digestion Is What Is Needed—How This May Be Obtained.

More money is spent experimenting with worthless medicines for stomach trouble than for any other disease. These preparations may temporarily aid digestion but they cannot cure indigestion. They go to at the wrong way.

To permanently cure indigestion, dyspepsia or other stomach trouble, the medicine should act upon the digestive organs themselves—not upon their contents. It should not do the stomach's work but should make the stomach able to do its own work.

This is what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will do as no other medicine can. They are not composed of digestive ferments, which promote artificial digestion, but they tone up the stomach, restore the weakened functions of the digestive organs and thereby promote natural digestion. A case in point is that of Arthur McLaughlin, of No. 2738 North Lincoln street, Chicago, Ill. He says:

"For a long time I was troubled with severe pains in the stomach—a case of chronic indigestion. I would feel craving for food, but when I ate I experienced those wretched pains which nearly drove me distracted. My kidneys also became affected. I tried several different stomach medicines and, for a while they seemed to help me. Then the same old pains would come back. This went on for nearly two years and at times I was pretty much discouraged.

"One day a friend advised me to try Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I did so. Before I finished a box the pains were less frequent and less severe, and the time I had finished three boxes the pains were a thing of the past. Now I can eat anything and enjoy it and I feel like a new man."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will not only cure stomach trouble but are a positive cure for all diseases arising from impoverished blood—shattered nerves. They are sold by all druggists or will be sent postpaid for 50 cents a box or 5 boxes for \$2.50. Send for a free trial box.

## THEIR VACATION MEANT MATRIMONY TO MR. CHALFANT AND MISS FLOTRO



MRS. ALFRED CHALFANT, JR.

They Planned for Recreation at the  
Same Time and Merrily Eloped  
to St. Charles.

When Alfred Chalfant, Jr., of 326 Franklin avenue and Miss Zera Flotron of 243 Coleman street, arranged to take their vacation they did not tell their friends that they were going to be married. Even Miss Flotron's parents did not know that the wedding was contemplated.

Wednesday night of last week Miss Flotron went to the home of her cousin, Miss Hickman of 429 Cote Brilliante avenue, for a visit. When she did not return on Friday to meet her music pupils, Mrs. Flotron concluded that she had decided to extend her vacation and she let it go at that.

Mrs. Flotron did not know that Mr. Chalfant, with whom her daughter had been keeping company for four years, had started on his vacation Wednesday night, or she might have been prepared to follow him and reach him Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalfant are spending their honeymoon at Eureka Springs and expect to reach St. Louis on Monday when Mr. Chalfant's vacation from the Presidential Insurance office expires.

statement was issued to show whether the firm was solvent or not.

Mr. Taylor, head of the firm, is a son-in-law of James R. Keene, the famous plunger and stock operator.

The failure of Stow & Co. enabled certain interests to gain control of the Mexican Central railway at panic prices.

Neither firm announced its liabilities, which amount to the millions, but both are believed to be purely local.

Treasury officials at Washington do not take a serious view of the failures, believing that the country is not in any danger, and that general industrial conditions are good.

## WALL STREET CONJECTURES.

Exhausts Field to Learn Cause of Securities Liquidation.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The liquidation of securities has proceeded during the week and Wall street has exhausted the field of conjecture in attempting to find the cause and the motives for the selling.

Standard dividend-paying railroad stocks have been less affected than the metal class known as specialties and the metal stocks have been special drapes.

The failure of a firm of New England bankers, the National bank for some time, has been the subject of much speculation, but the cause was grossly disproportionate to the effect.

It is believed that the liquidated stocks figured largely as collateral, was supposed to be for the purpose of the selling, and general business conditions were regarded as favorable.

## LONDON MARKET UNAFFECTED.

Little Interest Taken in Stock Slump in New York.

LONDON, July 25.—Comparatively little interest is taken in financial circles here in the liquidation in the New York market, which is believed likely to be a passing phenomenon. A strong feeling prevails that the level of prices has been reached and that the market is now in a position to advance in Americans and a consequent better tone of the market.

The market here has been regulated by New York. As a result of the importance of the New York market, a fact may be cited which is strongly believed to be the cause of the liquidation. It shows that the market is now in a position to advance in Americans and a consequent better tone of the market.

"We are bankers, not prophets. We are getting down to reasonable, level prices. The New York market has been weak and nervous, but here this morning prices have risen."

The failure of Frederick Lowce, a member of the stock exchange, was announced. He was only a small operator.

## Wolf Lake Gobbled by Fire.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.  
MURPHYSBORO, Ill., July 25.—Reports from Wolf Lake, a thriving little village here, state that the burning of the town or the place was gutted by fire early this morning. The loss is \$5000, with partial insurance.

## Cure for Asthma and Hay Fever

The statements published below confirm the claim of Dr. Schiffmann that his remedy is an absolute cure for Asthma and Hay Fever.

Mrs. Mary Zachery, Pleasant Hill, Ia., says: "I have found your Asthma Cure a permanent cure for Asthma, for which I used it 7 years ago. I have never had the slightest return of the trouble since I have also found your remedy excellent in Bronchial affections."

A Hay Fever sufferer writes: "I have had Hay Fever for 14 years. I bought a package of your remedy (Schiffmann's Asthma Cure) of our druggist and due to its use this is the first summer that I have not been troubled." Mrs. Frank Guilfoyle, 6237 Ridge avenue, Roxboro, Philadelphia.

Sold by druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Send 5c stamp to Dr. R. Schiffmann, Box 890, St. Paul, Minn., for a free sample package.

## WORLD'S FAREWELL TO DEAD PONTIFF

At Stroke of Midday Outer Gates  
Closed and Preparation for Interment Begun.

## TROOPS LEAVE THE VATICAN

Last Funeral Mass Celebrated in St. Peter's and Diplomatic Body Received by Sacred College.

ROME, July 25.—On the stroke of midday, as the noon gun from the castle of St. Angelo was fired, the living-farewell of the body of Pope Leo XIII came quietly to an end, and those few, who still lingered at the gates of the chapel of the sacrament in St. Peter's, were ordered to leave and some two or three hundred persons, including Cardinal Gonsens, who arrived from Mechlin just in time, passed slowly out St. Peter's into the sunlit piazza and the world's last farewell to the great Pope was over.

Ten minutes later Italian infantry and gendarmes poured out of the basilica and lined up on the steps in imposing array. The outer gates were then closed, and the body of the late Pope was left to the tender care of those who had watched by Leo XIII in his life time. The preparations for this evening's interment were immediately commenced.

## Troops Leave the Vatican.

While the bells of the basilica rang out their daily melodious noon chorus, the troops formed in column and were marched to the barracks. Their historic incursion into vatican territory ended without the slightest friction.

It is estimated that 80,000 people passed the catafalque since Thursday morning. The last funeral mass in St. Peter's was celebrated this morning in the chapel of the choir by Mr. Fanley, canon of the vatican basilica. At the same time funeral masses were celebrated in most of the churches of Rome.

## Reception of Sacred College.

The most important ceremony today was the reception by the sacred college, in the hall of consistory, of the whole diplomatic body accredited to the vatican. All the diplomats were gorgeous uniforms and the cardinals, had on their magnificent violet robes and were seated in huge arm chairs, according to the right of precedence. The Portuguese ambassador, H. Martins d'Avila, dean of the diplomatic corps, was at the head of the body. He glanced and delivered an address in French, expressing the sorrow of all the powers at the death of Pope Leo, who had acquired right of universal esteem of the world.

"Cardinal Gregorio, dean of the college of cardinals, rose and answered in Italian. He thanked the diplomats in the name of the sacred college for the part all the governments had taken in the mourning of the church. He eulogized Pope Leo and his work during the long pontificate and ended with expressing the hope that God will suggest to the sacred college a worthy successor to Leo XIII.

After this the members of the diplomatic body kissed the hands of all the cardinals, and especially congratulated Cardinal Gregorio on the sentiments he had expressed and which produced the best of impressions.

## POPE'S RING DISAPPEARS.

Outward Sign of Papal Authority Removed from Dead Pontiff's Finger.

ROME, July 25.—The ring of the fisherman, which should have been found on the hand of the Pope, has disappeared. It is not so much a question of its material as of its intrinsic value, for the ring of the fisherman is used to seal the papal bulls and is the outward sign of the authority of the Pope.

When the Cardinal Camerlingo certifies the death of a Pope, he receives the ring of the fisherman from the chamberlain of his holiness. It is then destroyed in the presence of all the cardinals at the first meeting of the sacred college held after the Pope's death.

But when Cardinal Gregorio, the present cameraling, had certified the death of Leo XIII, Mr. Bissett was a prey to the deepest despair, and had to admit that the ring had disappeared. Cardinal Gregorio, who had as is the custom brought his declaration of having received the ring from the papal chamberlain, all written out, had to put it back in his pocket.

Mr. Bissett can give no indication as to the robber. The theft must have taken place between the death of the Pope and the morning of the following day, when Cardinal Gregorio officially certified to his death. During this time a large number of persons entered the death chamber.

The disappearance of the ring has caused a tremendous sensation at the Vatican, where it is the sole subject of conversation. In the meantime, in the certificate of death of Leo XIII, all allusion to receiving the ring has been suppressed.

"Prior to Mr. Bissett's hope that when the seals are removed from the cabinets of the late Pope, the ring will be found in one of them, but very little confidence is felt. The ring should never have left the Pope's hand, and everyone denies having touched it.

At the meeting of the congregation yesterday Cardinal Sallati asked when the conclave would be opened. Cardinal Gregorio replied that he thought that on the evening of Friday, the 28th, all the cardinals might enter their cells and be ready for the first meeting of the conclave a week from tomorrow.

## Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's

Soothing Syrup the best remedy for their children.

## PROTEST AGAINST SALOON.

Grand Avenue Residents Object to a Bar Near the High School.

A vigorous protest is being made against the issuance of a license for a saloon at 1045 North Grand avenue, across the street from Rock Church, and close to the High School and the Odeon. The application is made in the name of Joseph Badaracco, and many persons who signed it claim that the location was fixed at 300 Pinney avenue at the time their signatures were obtained about a year ago. They charge that the location has since been changed. A flower store now occupies the site of the proposed saloon.

## 1-4-Size Collars—All Styles—2 for 25c

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## SHOE-SHINERS MUST PAY UP.

CITY DEMANDS A Percentage of Income From Holders of Good City Stands.

At Friday's session the House of Delegates granted the shoe-shining privilege at the entrance to Forest Park at Lindell avenue and Laclede avenue, demanding 75 per cent royalty on the former and 10 per cent on the latter.

## Absolutely Nothing Doing.

From Washington, Pa., July 25.—The Little free chopping, a conference with the President's Monday at Ogden Bay was very tired.

## THE BOOKBINDERS ABANDON STRIKE

Will Not Walk Out in Case Assistant Foreman Miller Reports for Duty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—The Bookbinders' Union, which has been fighting the reinstatement of W. A. Miller, the assistant foreman in the government printing office, who was dismissed because of his expulsion from one union and later ordered reinstated under an executive order, has abandoned any intention of walking out in case Miller resumes work.

This is the situation today. President Tatum of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders is now en route here from Chicago to advise with the local leaders. The latter have decided to abide by the decision of the Public Printer and avoid any clash with the government. Miller was expected to report for duty this morning, but failed to appear and now is not expected to report before Monday.

## Did Sardines Cause Two Deaths?

Unwholesome sardines are supposed to have caused the death of James and Laura Anderson, aged 19 and 2 years, and children of Matthew Anderson, a colored porter living at 288 Morgan street. The coroner will investigate the deaths.

## MISS DRIGGS LOSES SUIT

Jury Awards Hill Estate to Eight Members of Salem Charles Family.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 25.—The Salem Charles family of Boston was given the verdict by the jury in the Hill will case today.

Mrs. Gertrude Driggs sought to establish her right to the fortune of \$142,000 left by the aged Charles Hill.

The jury decided that the will presented by Mrs. Gertrude Driggs, in which her daughter, Grace Driggs, was made the heir of Charles Hill, was not signed by Hill, whose true name the jury declared to be Salem Charles.

The jury named eight members of the Salem Charles family as the true heirs to the old man's fortune.

## Charles Vollman Was Stabbed.

August Scheels, 17 years old, of 118 East Grand avenue stabbed Charles Vollman, 34 years old, of 68 East John avenue in the neck and arm Friday night with a knife. Vollman's wounds are considered serious. The boys were quarantined at Second street and East Grand avenue. It is said, which the knife was drawn. Scheels was arrested.

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Louis and suburbs.

Why has the size of the price of World's Fair plumbing been withheld? Is a panic feared?

While the Lee letters damn Lee they also damn all the boodle conspirators who helped him in his villainy.

The St. Louis business men want the bridge arbitrary absorbed, but the bridge arbitrary seems to have absorbed the Business Men's League.

The state supreme court can keep its good name only by winning public respect by its just decisions, not by suppressing free speech or even punishing abuses of free speech.

#### THE MURPHY EXPOSURES.

The exposures in the trial of Lawrence Murphy, former treasurer of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Union of New York reveal a condition which labor unionists must correct. Murphy, who is on trial for embezzlement, is accused of systematically extorting large sums from employers, under threat of strike.

The district attorney has 60 affidavits of contractors and builders charging that Murphy and strike committees have obtained over \$400,000 during the past year by this menace. One builder declares he can produce evidence that \$2,000,000 has been extorted.

Vague rumors to this effect have been in circulation in New York and other cities for a long time past. But the testimony in the Murphy case is the first tangible evidence made public.

The unions cannot afford to tolerate practices of this sort. Their success has been measured from the very beginning by their reputation for honesty and fair-mindedness. Let the general public become convinced that the vices illustrated by these affidavits in the Murphy case are inherent or are even condoned, the usefulness of the unions to the workers will be at an end.

In manly efforts to multiply and enlarge their opportunities and improve their condition, workmen have had the sympathy of the public. But this favorable attitude will not be continued if it is seen that union officials are using their position to enrich themselves at the expense of legitimate business.

Washington avenue wholesale houses will ultimately be up against Grand avenue should they continue to go westward as rapidly as they have been going.

#### CITY MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

When as health officer of Washington Dr. William C. Woodward attributes the heavy infant mortality of American cities to the selfishness and carelessness of mothers, there is some ground for it. Unquestionably there is, for both selfishness and carelessness are human and mothers are human.

Yet against the sensational talk of "race murder" from this official standpoint, appears the equally unquestionable fact that a child of three months in charge even of a mother of average human selfishness and carelessness, has at least two chances to live through its first and second summer, where the child in the care of the most unselfish, humane and scientific officials has one.

The statistics of infant mortality in the most carefully managed children's hospitals show this too sadly. Unquestionably, however, their sanitary conditions are far superior to those of the city districts in which, during July and August, the largest number of city children die in charge of their mothers.

When the conditions under which mothers in such districts attempt to rear their children have been improved as much as possible, it will then be time to decide, if it is to be decided at all, that the natural instincts of maternity, thus far the chief agency of race development, are about to fail.

All that appears now is that even the most scientific official is liable to the grossest exaggeration when he is not satisfied with making a scientific statement and resting his case on it.

Railway travel in the United States should be made especially safe in the World's Fair year.

#### DIAMONDS AND INDUSTRY.

According to a report issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor \$30,000,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones were imported into the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903.

This beats the record. Prior to 1887 the total seldom if ever reached \$10,000,000. In 1893 the importation amounted to \$15,000,000. From this it fell to \$5,500,000 in 1894, \$7,500,000 in 1895, \$6,750,000 in 1896 and \$2,500,000 in 1897. In 1898 there was a recovery to \$9,000,000. In 1902 the amount was \$23,000,000.

It will be observed that the importation of precious stones rises and falls with the rise and fall of good times, but statisticians of the department explain that the heavy importation of uncut diamonds, which constitute more than a third of the total, indicates the development of a new industry—the cutting of diamonds. And this view is strengthened by the census report of "lapidary work," which in 1890 was less than \$500,000 and in 1900 more than \$5,500,000.

The bootleggers have been sentenced to the penitentiary, but perhaps they think they have only been sentenced to the supreme court.

#### TELEPATHIC EXPERIMENTS.

The experiments in telepathy between London and Nottingham, an account of which appeared in the Post-Dispatch, are not satisfactory to scientific men.

But one of these writes: "It must be granted that the idea of telepathy is not of an essentially occult nature. It calls into play no supernatural or inconceivable force or medium, but simply assumes that the ether, which conveys the ordinary waves of light and electricity, may also convey other waves of an electric nature, not into vibration by the ether, but by the mind."—The Post-Dispatch.

er brain, may reproduce there thought impressions corresponding to those which gave rise to them in the brain from which they originated."

In other words the brain, or some brains, are telepathic instruments analogous to the wireless telegraph instrument, and if two are attuned to each other communication is possible, perhaps inevitable.

The critical, not to say skeptical attitude of scientific men is not surprising. It is by no means established that the human brain is, in any skull, an instrument of that kind. If this be granted there is the other "if"—the question of attuning.

Granting the first fact, the second condition might be satisfied in the case of persons sympathetic in a very high degree, or persons whose intellectual tastes and activities are similar.

Probably the possibility will be realized, if it is a possibility, not by carefully contrived experiment, but by communications, involuntary and unlooked for, between such persons. As the race rises the brain becomes more complex and delicate. What powers may be unfolded in the future no man can foresee.

Daniel Kelley has no craven fear of incriminating himself by telling what he knows.

#### MONOPOLY INFLUENCES VS. THE PEOPLE.

The volunteer objection of Maj. Casey to the carrying out of the will of Congress that the Merchants' bridge shall be forfeited if not maintained as a free bridge; his belief in the benefits of a menacing monopoly and his other vagaries are not of much importance, unless the Secretary of War and the President shall accept his peculiar views as the conclusions of the case of the government for the people of St. Louis against the terminal monopoly.

The principal facts are in possession of the government. The two bridges are controlled and operated by one corporation. That corporation's financial agent asserts that it controls "the only available entrance to St. Louis," enumerating all the bridge, ferry and terminal properties as its properties by lease or purchase. These facts constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of the Merchants' bridge charter and of the Sherman anti-trust law.

What will the Roosevelt administration do with these facts? On one side are the powerful influences of J. P. Morgan & Co., with its allied financial interests and 14 railroads, holding in their hands in defiance of law the gateway of all the commerce that crosses the Mississippi at St. Louis. On the other side are the people of St. Louis, who are at the mercy of this powerful combine and must pay special tribute to it for every pound of freight.

Will the President and his advisers do their duty by enforcing the law against the combine, or will they succumb to the powerful influences of Morgan and the railroad interests?

We nearly got a dose of our own high tariff medicine through the Mexican tariff. Had not Mexico been good enough to suspend the operation of its new tariff law, American exporters would have suffered ruinous losses. It is all well enough when we do all the hogging, but there is trouble when other countries hog against us.

One lone highwayman robbed three artillery soldiers in St. Louis recently, and a single citizen has just whipped eight militiamen near St. Joseph. How are we to terrify a foreign enemy without enlisting our highwaymen and civilians?

If "foresighted and powerful men are preparing to have Mr. Shaw come to the relief of Wall street before the summer is over, by calling bonds at a fancy price," Mr. Roosevelt ought to know about it.

It is likely that the new year will see the City Hall and the City Hospital complete, and the World's Fair visitors will not be too inquisitive as to how long it took us to get these buildings.

The assertion that President Roosevelt comes out of the Russian imbroglio noticeably leaning on the arm of Secretary Hay should be cautiously uttered. It might start a Hay boom.

Speckles, the sugar king, finds himself sued by his own daughter, for a \$400,000 business bond and \$100,000 damages. This is as bad as a case of "busted" will.

California is always seeking to attract immigration. Her orders for street cars made in St. Louis will be a good advertisement for her.

Plymouth Rock, out of its Massachusetts setting would be just an ordinary stone.

#### POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

The college boys got a great shock in the Kansas wheat fields.

Save your carriage-hire money a little while and you can buy an automobile.

Big and little fishes will alike rejoice to hear that science is now chasing the hook worm.

Kentucky claims to be the greatest tomato-producing state, but it isn't catnip in the bottle the colonel carries.

In the absence of war and terrific battles, the President mounts and rides into the heaviest thunderstorms he can find.

A Texas train is about to arrive three years late. Why should people waiting at Union Station in St. Louis be so impatient over an hour's delay?

Railway passengers are again to be terrorized, the one-armed lone robber confined at Leavenworth having escaped. With his revolver tilted at his false arm he will be deadlier than ever.

#### POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No answer printed on any special day. No bets decided. Don't sign "Subscriber" or "Constant Reader." One initial is enough.

G. S. L.—Auld lang syne is "old long since," that is to say, the old time.

N. O. S.—No premium on cent of 1832. JACK A.—No premium on 2 cent piece of 1845.

O. A. K.—412 immigrants arrived in Boston in June; we have not the figures for May.

W. M. D.—Population of China, 402,680,000; population of Europe, 296,958,856.

L. B.—There is no British Consul here. The British vice-consul is at 313 North Ninth street.

A. P. C.—If you were to ask for hydrogen super-oxide you would be likely to get peroxide, which is not poisonous.

NEW ORLEANS.—We know of no fall carnival in New Orleans. Drop a line to Mayor Paul Capdeville of that city.

M. S. W.—Christians, 477,080,158; Confucians and ancestor worshippers, 35,000,000; Hindus, 196,000,000; Mohammedans, 174,314,372; Buddhists, 147,800,000. Population of Russian empire, 129,004,314.

O. R. GLAD.—A couple living in Missouri can go to any town in Kentucky and Indiana and get a marriage license as soon as they apply for it, if they are of marriageable age. Residence is not required.

A. SUBSCRIBER.—The Massachusetts sailed from Azores, July 14, for Maine coast. Letter in care of Navy Department, Washington, D. C., would reach her. At new stands you can get Army and Navy Register and Army and Navy Journal with naval news. (See fifth rule under heading to these answers.)

W. GEORGE.—It is as proper for a man to wear black bands about the arms as to wear deep mourning for a father or mother.

W. C.—The mourning for a father or mother is not the same as the mourning for a son or daughter.

There is a mourning for a son or daughter.

The mourning for a son or daughter is one of them.

## THE POST-DISPATCH DAILY MAGAZINE



#### New Bill of Rights.

Now comes a Paladine of woman's liberties signing herself "Daisy," and in the People's Column outlines a series of "rights" which she calls upon the women of St. Louis to demand. Daisy pertinently asks if the "women" of the World's Fair City are asleep, and hints that the heel of the oppressor is on their necks. And if they are denied half the privileges which "Daisy" urges them to demand, they must indeed be in a parlous state.

As tyrants whose throne may soon begin to totter, it behooves us to examine into these grievances, and see what we may consistently and safely do to alleviate them. With Daisy's admission that "Woman's work is never done," we have nothing to do, though it may tend to somewhat weaken her case, but her plea that she have certain hours in which to labor we may say, after some deliberation, that we heartily favor such an arrangement. Particularly would we recommend that there be certain hours observed for the preparation of meals. To her second recommendation, however, that when men are not on time they be allowed to "dance around the table," we must demur. Exercise of any kind on a full stomach is not conducive to good health or good temper. And such salubrious activities will become the head of a house.

Daisy states that many men expect their wives to polish their shoes every day. We believe Daisy is unjust. The majority of men do not care to have their shoes polished oftener than twice a week. Inadvertently in her next clause Daisy apprises us of a liberty that we did not know we possessed. She says that husbands are not expected to build fires. Rejoice, O ye men of St. Louis! For years have you tended the flames in the belief that it was your duty. Uncomplainingly have you kept the kindling and toted the coal in the fond delusion that it was expected of you, and all the while you might have been grinding the coffee, which Daisy declares is a masculine duty, for this enlightenment, Daisy, we are willing to grant all your demands, even for a "restaurant meal on Sunday," with which you conclude your protest. No need to form a Housewives' Union, as you recommend, when all your demands are granted in advance.

The Cardinals, according to the latest news, will address the Powers. And can't we have done for the Browns at the same time?

Baudt Collins says that he got three fingers on a revolver recently. Must have been a poor weapon. Ordinarily you can get at least a pint on a revolver.

Between the influences of the converted yacht Sylph and the Dutch Reformed Church, President Roosevelt should be a better man before the end of his vacation.

The "bloody shirt" is no longer an issue in Missouri politics. It has been supplanted by the muddy coat of the "driftwood" grabbers.

The lone highwayman is wise to do his work single-handed, for there isn't enough in it for two.

"It takes nine tailors to make a man," but how can any average citizen hope to establish credit with that many?

Pase the boiled microbe, please.

#### THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

The vice-president's room, just across the inside corridor from the Senate chamber, is one of the most interesting in the capitol. In one corner is a bust of Lafayette S. Foster of Cincinnati, who was president pro tempore of the Senate during the Johnson impeachment trial, and who would have succeeded to the presidency had not Johnson escaped, by the narrow margin that he did, impeachment and the loss of his high station. Alas, such is fame in public life—how many today remember Senator Foster? The portrait of Washington in this room—painted by Peale in 1825 (Peale had known Washington and painted this portrait from memory)—was exhibited in Europe in 1833 and then purchased by a member of the staff of Gen. Wilson Peale, a son of the famous artist. It was in this room that Vice-President Henry Wilson died during Grant's administration. The mirror over the clock was the occasion of three days' debate in the Senate, because some members thought Vice-President John Adams had been grossly extravagant in paying \$40 for the mirror "to gratify his personal vanity." The mirror surmounts a \$1000 clock, whose beautiful chimes sound the quarter hours and which displays also the signs of the zodiac. This clock has not once been stopped in the whole half century that it has ticked away, while vice-presidents came and went. Directly opposite is the \$400 extravagance of John Adams in continuing to use the portrait of George Washington of Washington is a flag made of the first silk woven on American soil—during the early days of the mulberry craze—and presented to the government by ladies of Philadelphia.

It is here that Senator Frye comes for a few moments of relaxation when the Senate has adjourned—takes up a book and a black cigar for a breathing spell, and, we may suspect, spends a few moments in reverie concerning the good fishing streams away up in Maine.—J. M. Chapin in the National.

Life's endless chain.

Every former boy wants to be a school teacher, every school teacher hopes to be an editor, every editor would like to be a banker, every banker would like to be a trust magnate, and every trust magnate hopes some day to own a farm and have chickens and cows and pigs and horses to look after. We end where we begin.—Baltus County (Kan.) Index.

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#### GARDEN PARTY OR RECEPTION GOWNS



The first gown is of champagne-colored mousseline de soie. The full skirt gathered at the top, is encircled with tucks, with satin ribbon of the same shade as the gown and with rosettes of gimpure. Above this it is trimmed with tabs of gimpure alternating with bands of the satin ribbon, the ends of which are finished with the gimpure rosettes. The blouse is shirred and puffed, and trimmed with the satin ribbon. The slightly decollete yoke is a gimpure, ornamented with large motifs of the same. The puffed sleeves are very large and draped by knots of ribbon with pendants of passementerie. Over them are double ruffles of the material forming epaulettes. The girde

is of satin, matching the ribbon. The second gown is of black silk gauze. The full skirt is gathered all around at the top, and is trimmed with ruffles of the gauze and with gimpure insertion and medallions, which are bordered with the ruching. The full blouse has an odd yoke of gimpure, bordered with a pretty drapery of light blue gauze, caught here and there with rosettes of light blue velvet. This drapery also forms the heading to a full ruche-edged ruffle of the gauze, which forms a shoulder collar or bertha. The full, puffed, elbow sleeves are trimmed with the ruching. The draped girde is of black liberty—Wiener Chic.

#### ALL WOMEN CAN WEAR SILK

The Department of Agriculture announces the result of long series of successful experiments in the culture of silkworms. For many weeks the Division of Entomology has been trying to produce a cocoon that rivals the finest French article. When the United States succeeds in manufacturing its own silk from domestic cocoons every woman of average means will be able to wear fine laces, downies, tulle and chiffons without having to worry about the cost.

Next spring the department of agriculture will establish myriads of silkworm eggs to people who possess white mulberry or orange trees. Any one not so fortunate as to own one or two trees of this variety but still desirous of going into silkworm culture, will be furnished cuttings by the department free with which to start a grove of white mulberry trees.

The eggs are sent out to each applicant in lots of from five hundred, inclosed tightly in a double box, containing instructions. Until you are ready to hatch the eggs you must keep them cool. When you have secured the proper accommodations for the future worms, in the shape of a large, dry room, and feel sure that you can supply the required quantity of white mulberry leaves, put the eggs in an incubator. A small incubator, such as is used in laboratories for drying, is recommended. Any tin can can make one.

As the time for hatching approaches—between three and five days—the eggs become white. Double pieces of mosquito netting or sheets of perforated cardboard sprinkled with finely cut mulberry leaves are then placed over the eggs to allow the outward passage of the worms as soon as hatched.

The rearing room must be fitted with

racks for receiving the mosquito netting frames, by means of which the young worms are fed. The racks should take place three or four times a day, each time being accomplished by the simple process of placing a net full of leaves directly over the last one. Contact with the air causes the new born insect to acquire a volume larger than it had in the egg, and it quickly begins to gnaw the under surface of the mulberry leaf. It eats incessantly night and day except when asleep, and in about a week it grows 14,000 times larger than it was at birth. All the worms hatched in one day must be reared together and kept in separate lots during the entire period of growth. The larva or worm stage is completed when the insect begins to build its cocoon. Its endeavors in this direction are facilitated by providing "spinning boxes," a series of compartments filled with stubby pieces of broomcorn or fine brushwood.

It takes the larva 40 hours to spin its cocoon. The silk, which is liquid form at first, hardening afterwards, is secreted by two microscopic glands. By a rotary motion of its head the worm envelops itself completely with the delicate filament. The transformation of the larva to the chrysalis is completed in from seven to 10 days. The cocoons are then said to be mature, and this is the best time to gather them. After detaching the cocoons from their web they are sorted in three classes—perfect, double and defective. The best way to kill the chrysalides is to subject the cocoons to a steam temperature of about 212 degrees.

The after handling of the cocoon, by which the thread is reeled off in one continuous fibre, average 180 yards in length, and is then made into silk thread of commerce, is another chapter in the history of the silk industry.

## ANIMAL STORIES

For the Little Ones.

#### AN ENDLESS SEARCH.

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#### A LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

I know a well bred little boy who never says "I can't." He never says "Don't want to," or "You've got to," or "You shan't." He never says "I'll tell mamma," or tells his playmates "mean." A lad more careful of his speech I'm sure was never seen!

He's never ungrammatical—he never mentions "ain't." A single word of slang from him would make his mother faint!

And now I'll tell you why it is (lest this should seem absurd), He's now exactly six months old, and cannot speak a word!

—Hannah G. Fernald in St. Nicholas.

#### ANIMALS' EYES.

The eyes of an animal can only work together when they can be brought to bear upon an object at the same time; so that, as a rule, the eyes of a fish must work more or less independently. This is sometimes also the case when the eyes can cooperate, as any one who watches a plaice or other flat-fish in an aquarium will soon discover.

This is true, too, of the curious bulging optics of a cheelon, which roll round, swivel-like, in a somewhat aimless manner. When they do converge it is bad for the insect upon which they fix themselves.

Many animals possess more than three eyes, which do not act together. A leech, for example, has ten eyes on the top of its head, which do not work in concert, and a kind of marine worm has two eyes on the head and a row down each side of the body. Some lizards have an extra eye on the top of the head, which does not act with the other two. A bee or wasp has two large compound eyes, which possibly help each other, and are used for near vision, and also three little simple eyes on the top of the head, which are employed for seeing things a long way off.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

#### River Improvement.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In the early part of the eighteenth century white man found the Missouri-Mississippi river with a road bed very flat. With the tide of immigration white man began to navigate, first with keel and later on with steam boats. That had a tendency to stir up the sand in the bottom of the river, and that caused it to deepen, but the continued caving in of the banks would cause it to return to its former condition. The United States has already spent over \$50,000,000, say nothing about the vast sums paid out by states in levying, dyking and dredging, etc., 1300 miles of levees and the river lined with dykes and yet these banks will cave in and the disastrous floods repeat itself every few years. The recurrence of these flood disasters come, and will come again, unless the good people get together and organize, appoint a committee headed with the right man, or men, and go to congress and show them what needs to be done in order to stop these caving banks; make the government to understand the wonderful gain, both to the people and the United States. This is the greatest problem now before the American people. Just to think of reclaiming 6,000,000 to 80,000,000 acres of land, now uncultivated, right in the heart of civilization, opening up a settlement sufficient for millions of people, causing these waters to dredge themselves out and deepen their own channels, causing the banks to go higher, stopping the overflying, protecting bridges and railroad tracks, bringing these rivers into the highest state of navigation, will stimulate trade and, in the highest degree, in every direction, and call into existence business activities that now do not exist. Now is the time to act.

W. D. WARD.

#### Poem Wanted.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.















